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TOPIC Soviet Troops in BERNAU

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Early August 1949

1. a. The former Luftnachrichten Kaserne, BERNAU (N 53/Z 96), was about 50 percent occupied by tank and antitank artillery units totaling about 1,000 troops. Three T 34 tanks and two 76.2-mm antitank guns were seen in the kaserne area. Troops were observed to be receiving basic infantry training.

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- b. The former SS carrier pigeon station was occupied by a unit of about 150 men wearing black-bordered red epaulets. Units totaling about 800 troops with red-bordered black epaulets left the carrier pigeon station for an unknown destination.

4 and 11 August 1949

- a. The BERNAU kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 troops of tank or self-propelled artillery units on 4 August 1949. The troops had returned from maneuvers in late July 1949. [REDACTED]

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- b. About 200 troops, 13 to 20 years of age and with shaved heads, were quartered in the former SS carrier pigeon station on 11 August 1949.

- c. A Soviet motor vehicle repair shop with the [REDACTED] was located in the former "Bergmann" plant on the road to LITP-25X1D
NITZ (N 53/Z 87).
Forty motor vehicles were allegedly repaired there every month.

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7 September 1949

3. Only a rear detail in company strength was located in the Panzer Kaserne on Schoenwalderstrasse, BERNAU.

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a. The report indicates that some of the troops of the BERNAU military post (including component units of the 6th Gds Recz Div (Cadre)) were away on maneuvers (presumably in the TEMPLIN area) on 7 September 1949.

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b. The [REDACTED] had been first reported from ROSTOCK in July 1948. A motor vehicle repair shop located in the BERNAU "Bergmann" plant has been known since the summer of 1948.

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